

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, MARCH 7, 2007
GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

President Beaver called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 7:05:04 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilors Rick McKinney, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, Steve Schwartz, John Hiatt, Jim Belden and Brad Beaver. A quorum was declared by Auditor, Robin Mills.

Councilor Levine gave the invocation and Boy Scout Troop 936 of Carmel led the pledge of allegiance.

[7:09:09] Councilor McKinney moved to approve minutes of February 7, 2007 council meeting. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT [7:09:38]

President: Councilor Beaver asked Councilors to submit changes to him regarding the meeting protocol procedures he's proposing by April meeting. Joint meeting with Board of Commissioners scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Vice President: Visited new animal control facility thought it looked nice, not extravagant or lavish.

Highway: No meeting

Finance: Councilor Carter reported committee met on February 21, 2007. Councilor Carter shared with Councilors information received from Mike Reuter and stated budget preparations for 2008 have begun. Also discussed cost allocation report received from Humane Society.

Personnel: No meeting

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilor Levine reported the following: Hamilton County Council on Aging is preparing to do study on need of seniors in Hamilton County. Attended meeting of Janus transportation task force and learned they are adding another shuttle bus as a result of another grant. John Hiatt, Steve Schwartz & herself participated with representatives of 4H, and Extension to look at future needs. AIC legislative conference has been rescheduled for March 27 and March 28. Legislative directories are available from local chamber offices at a cost of \$6. Many bills killed in House of Representatives but many are going forward in Senate.

Councilor Belden attended insurance meeting and learned rates are going up a little. Also attends Solid Waste meetings monthly.

Councilor Hiatt reported Soil & Water Conservation held their annual meeting with a good turn out and program. Stated Council President Beaver swore in new officers.

Councilor Schwartz stated Councilors Hiatt, Beaver and himself have a meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 12 with Al Patterson to start to address issues on Arcadia pool.

COMMISSIONER UPDATE [7:27:00] Commissioner Altman

- Commissioner Altman commended the employees for the handling of the snow event. Highway actually received thank you cards. An after action meeting has been held and will continue to be held to figure out what was done right or what can be improved upon. Struggling with potential inequities when the operations are closed down for safety purposes in terms of personnel who come in but aren't necessarily required to but help out. Will be meeting with personnel committee to come up with some way to balance out inequities.
- GIS: The 2007 digital orthos and update to topos, contract has been awarded. Costs continue to come down and new orthos will be coming through. Have found funding for pictometry, do have photos so they will be updated. Public safety was the big push to get pictometry back on track and it's consistent with the surrounding counties and their capabilities.
- 146th street project west of current improvements: Selection process for engineering teams has been completed and they are beginning to negotiate contracts. This is project major moves money will be invested in.

- Tax Software: MVP is not serving needs and must be updated to meet state certification. Meetings will be held to discuss whether to continue with current vendor or move on.
- Jail improvements: Met with local tax control board. Meeting was long but the project did receive a positive recommendation from local tax control board. The board did carve out approximately \$1,000,000 in loose equipment and furnishings from what they would allow to go through bond issue.
- Storm Water Phase II: County is required to make significant investments because of the new environmental rules. Investing substantial dollars to clean up White River and all the tributaries and then we have by-pass reports that are unbelievable. Board is going to start concentrating on this.

Councilor Hiatt stated he has received positive comments on the handling of the snow event.

UNFINISHED/TABLED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

7:34:17 Councilor Belden moved to approve claims. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:36:52 Councilor Belden moved to approve Jail 144 amendment to:

- 027.000.1011 Correction Officer, Lieutenant as POLE E at \$45,637
- 027.000.1012 Correction Officer, Lieutenant as POLE E at \$47,854
- 027.000.1014 Correction Officer, Lieutenant as POLE E at \$48,004
- 027.000.1016 Correction Officer, Lieutenant as POLE E at \$40,180
- 027.000.1018 Correction Officer, Lieutenant as POLE E at \$40,180

Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:39:00 Councilor Levine moved to approve Jail transfer as follows:

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| From | 027.000.1074 Correction Officer \$1,764.40 |
| | 027.000.1075 Correction Officer \$1,764.40 |
| | 027.000.1076 Correction Officer \$1,764.40 |
| | 027.000.1077 Correction Officer \$1,764.40 |
| To | 027.000.1011 Lieutenant, CO \$1,269.40 |
| | 027.000.1012 Lieutenant, CO \$1,269.40 |
| | 027.000.1014 Lieutenant, CO \$1,269.40 |
| | 027.000.1016 Lieutenant, CO \$1,514.70 |
| | 027.000.1018 Lieutenant, CO \$1,734.70 |

Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:39:20 Councilor Carter moved to approve Clay Township transfer of \$970 from 055.000.1300 Part Time to 055.000.1002 Office Manager. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

7:39:52 Councilor Levine moved to approve Health Department transfer of \$7,000 from 105.000.000.1019 Vacant RN position at \$4,000 and 105.000.000.1015 Vacant RN position at \$3,000 to 105.000.000.1302 Part Time Nursing position. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

SHERIFF COMMENTS None

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS None

ATTORNEY COMMENTS None

ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS

Councilor Schwartz thanked Councilor Beaver for pushing for paperless meetings. Councilor Beaver announced next month he hopes to use overhead projector rather than everyone bringing laptops.

Robin thanked Julie for working with Dawn in regards to paperless council packets and stated she would like Council to continue to bring and utilize their laptops because there are big plans for budget session.

Councilor Beaver stated paper agendas will not stop until everyone is comfortable with laptops.

Councilor Beaver alerted the Council that there may be a work session called within the next 10 days.

Meeting adjourned 7:45:13

Those present:

Paul (not legible)
Sandy Aldrich, Boy Scouts
Andrew Rohrer, Boy Scouts
Jessica Miller, Student
John, Times

Adam Aldrich, Boy Scouts
Steven Aldrich, Boy Scouts
Julie Crask, ISS
Chris Sikich, Ledger
Fred Swift, Commissioner Assistant

President

Auditor